

STRENGTH OF THE INSURGENT ARMIES.

Among other documents unearthed at Richmond were the muster rolls of the Confederate armies, which have fallen into the hands of a Tribune correspondent. From these it appears that 67,000 Southern troops participated in the battle of Fair Oaks, fought on the 31st of May, 1862. Johnston having been wounded, General Lee succeeded him. The following figures indicate the number of troops in his command until the final surrender:-

Table showing the number of troops in the Confederate army from June 1862 to December 1865, with columns for 'Present and Absent' and 'Total'.

According to this statement General Lee entered Pennsylvania with one hundred thousand troops, but on returning to Virginia after the battle of Gettysburg, he was able to muster but forty-one thousand - a total loss of fifty-nine thousand. Gettysburg was indeed the turning point in the struggle, and that other disasters encountered during the summer months of 1863 should have convinced the Southern leaders of the utter folly of further resistance. The following tables give in round numbers the total number of troops in the Confederate service at different times during the war.

Table showing the strength of the Confederate army at various points during the war, including 'Total Army of the East' and 'Total Armies of East and West'.

The correspondent who has secured and compiled these tables remarks: 'The Confederate army undoubtedly reached its highest point, both in numbers and efficiency, in the early summer of 1863, when the movement into Pennsylvania was commenced. At the close of March, before all preparations had been made, the returns show a nominal force of 484,000, of whom 341,000 were present, and 243,000 present for duty. Probably about 20,000 were added during the next six weeks, and the Army of the East; so that we may safely say that at the middle of June there was a little more than 500,000 men in the ranks, of whom 360,000 were present for duty. In the first week of July they suffered losses amounting to nearly 100,000 men. At the end of the month Lee had only 410,000 men, out of the 100,000 with whom he had set out six weeks before; and in a month, by every exertion, he could get together only 150,000 men, and out of this 50,000, all told, he was forced to send 15,000 of his best troops to the West. When in the spring of 1864 Grant opened his campaign, Lee had only a little more than 50,000 men, and in August, when the siege of Richmond was fairly opened, he had, counting in those present with him, though still nominally belonging to the Department of North Carolina, less than 60,000. From this time the returns show how prevalent became desertions from the Confederate ranks, at the East and West. In August, out of a nominal force of 500,000, there were not 200,000 present for duty in all the armies. At the close of February, the date of the latest report in our possession, Lee, out of a nominal force of 160,000, had present but 75,000, and for duty but 50,000. More than half were absent wholly, and little more than a third were present for duty. We judge that in all 600,000 different men were in the different ranks during the war. Of these we do not believe one-half are alive this day. Once in the ranks there was no escape except by death, disablement from wounds or sickness, or desertion. Of the 300,000 of the Confederate soldiers yet alive, no man can say what proportion are wholly or in great part disabled by wounds or disease.'

The Masonic Procession in Boston.

The number in the Masonic procession in Boston has been variously estimated. Mayor Norcross, in a note to Grand Master Dann, gives a trustworthy count made by policemen as the procession was passing the corner of Washington and School streets. It was as follows: Persons in carriages and on horseback, 854; On foot, 20,945; Forty-nine Bands, 505; Policemen, 101.

Total number of the procession, 22,805. The procession was two hours in passing the locality where the above count was made. Mayor Norcross further states in the note above mentioned, that two hundred and eighty-four policemen were employed in preserving order and aiding the passage of the procession - a larger number than ever before detailed for special duty.

'I believe that mine will be the fate of Abel,' said a wife to her husband one day. 'Why so?' inquired the husband. 'Because Abel was killed by a club, and your club will kill me, if you continue to go to it every night.'

A pretty little Jewish prima donna in Brussels was courted by a young lawyer, and finally married him in consideration of his embracing the Jewish persuasion. Such persuasion as she offered he was only too willing to embrace.

When somebody asked the Bishop of Oxford whether he didn't think the last Derby a 'sell' (the horse Hermit won it), his lordship answered that 'he never heard of a hermit where there wasn't a cell.'

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